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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, OECD

SUBJECT: OECD ATTENDANCE AT GATT MEETING

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1. DG INFORMED US MAY 7 HE HAS NOT RECEIVED A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FROM ALL GENEVA DELEGATIONS OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES CONCERNING EXTENSION OF INVITATION TO OECD TO ATTEND GATT PREPCOM (MAY 16-18). WHILE HE HOPES PREPCOM CAN AVOID WASTING ITS OPENING MEETING MAY 16 ON PROCEDURAL DEBATE ABOUT ADMISSION OF OECD AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HE DOES NOT WANT TO INJECT HIMSELF INTO SITUATION BY APPEARING TO EXERT PRESSURE IN EITHER DIRECTION. HE THINKS IT IS UP TO DELEGATIONS OF OECD COUNTRIES TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES AND INFORM HIM OF THEIR CONCERTED VIEW. HE STRESSED NO OBJECTION ON HIS PART TO OECD ATTENDANCE AT PREPCOM BUT CAUTIONED

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AGAIN THAT IF OECD ADMITTED, A STRING OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE SPONSORED BY LDCA AND HE HIMSELF WILL BE HONOR BOUND TO ASK PREPCOM DECIDE ON FAO AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT WHO HAVE SENT OFFICIAL LETTERS REQUESTING OBSERVER STATUS.

2. WE ASKED DG TO TELL US WHO AMONG OECD COUNTRIES IS OPPOSED. WITH CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE, HE SAID THERE APPEAR TO BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG NINE EC MEMBER STATES (AND HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM JAPAN). DG UNDERSTOOD BELGIUM WAS HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT FORMAL INVITATION TO OECD AND WISHED TO EXPLORE WHETHER AN OECD REP COULD BE ATTACHED TO AN OECD NATIONAL DELEGATION SO THAT HE COULD FULLY OBSERVE WHAT GOES ON BUT WITHOUT SPARKING INVITATION TO DOZEN OR SO ORGANIZATIONS WHO (UNLIKE OECD) MIGHT WANT TO MAKE SPEECHES.

3. WE CONFIRMED FOREGOING WITH BELGIAN AMBASSADOR WHO SAID HE HOPED NINE COULD AGREE ON A POSITION EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE MADE IT CLEAR TO BELG AMB US FAVORED ADMISSION OF OECD TO PREPCOM AND, ON PERSONAL BASIS, EXPRESSED DOUBTS OECD SEC GEN WOULD FIND IT ATTRACTIVE TO HAVE HIS REP IN NATIONAL DELEGATION.

4. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED GOJ HAS NO OBJECTION OECD ATTENDANCE AT PREPCOM AND HE WILL SO INFORM DG.
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